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An old times timer tells of [Booger?] Red:

"I saw Booger ride lots of times and also Walter Spears who was a fine rider too. They didn't ride then with all these straps etc, like they do now but the horse was saddled, the hacka-more taken off and the rider did his best and was he laughed at if he had to 'Claw leather' (catch hold of the saddle with his hands).

"One time at a fair which was held at the old fair grounds in the Willis Johnson pasture east of town, Booger Red drew for his horse to ride a big, gray, Roman-nosed rascal which was used as a delivery horse by Taylor and Johnson grocermen. C12 - 2/11/41 - Texas. 2 This horse was gentle to drive but an outlaw under saddle.

"Booger mounted and old gray began to pitch. He headed straight for a bunch of men on horseback. These men thought he would go around them but he pitched right up into the middle of them, knocking down men and horses. The gray fell over another horse and

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turned Booger a somersault. Quicker than I can tell, Booger jumped up, grabbed his horse by the ears and held him down until all the men and horses were out of the way. Then as the horse rose, Booger leaped into the saddle and rode him to a finish.”